

EDITORIALS

CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE JOURNAL

At its last meeting the Council of the California Medical Association passed a resolution authorizing the work previously conducted under the name of *Medical Society of the State of California* to be carried on under the name of *California Medical Association*. Among other matters considered and decided was that of appropriate change in the name of the Journal, and by resolution the Council instructed the editor to change the name of the Journal in some appropriate manner. Carrying out these instructions, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the name of the Journal has been changed, effective with this issue, to **CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE**.

This change at the same time complies with previous action of the House of Delegates and of the Council endorsing co-operation with the states of Utah and Nevada in making this Journal their official organ. Part of the agreement was, that at an appropriate time a more inclusive title would be given to the Journal.

ABOUT THE 1924 SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The annual session of the California Medical Association will commence this year on *Monday*, May 12, instead of Tuesday, as heretofore, in order that Northern members may motor down with their families on Saturday or Sunday, and that those going South by train may take advantage of the \$19 rate given on a 16-day round trip ticket starting Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Headquarters are to be at the Los Angeles Biltmore hotel, Fifth and Olive streets, Los Angeles. The schedule of hotel rates, and Southern Pacific rates and time-table are appended.

All members who expect to attend the 1924 meeting should make their hotel reservations early with Mr. James H. McCabe, office manager of the Los Angeles Biltmore, who will confirm such reservations direct with the physician. The State office handles no reservations whatever.

The Committee of Arrangements report that they are providing for the visiting ladies golf and other entertainment. The scientific program will appear in a later issue.

Many section programs are full, and secretaries have been compelled to refuse good papers. Members who desire to have such papers published in the Journal can submit them to the editor after presenting them to some county or other medical society.

Hotel reservations for the State meeting this year are being handled through Mr. James H. McCabe, office manager of the Los Angeles Biltmore, Fifth and Olive streets, Los Angeles. The rates are as follows: (Each and every room has its own bath.)

Single Rooms—\$5 to \$10 per day.

Double Rooms—Double bed, \$7, \$8, \$9, and \$10 per day; twin beds, \$10 and \$12 per day.

Connecting Rooms—Three persons, \$14 to \$22 per day; four persons, \$18 to \$24 per day.

We would suggest that members make their reservations **now** direct with Mr. McCabe, that there may be no disappointment later.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATES FOR STATE MEETING

Leaving Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 16-day ticket, round trip, \$19.

Leaving Monday, 30-day ticket, round trip, \$22.

Lower berth, \$4.50; upper berth, \$3.60.

Drawing-room, \$16.50; compartment, \$12.75—two tickets.

Third and Townsend Streets

Lark—Leaves San Francisco 8 p. m., arrives Los Angeles 9:35 a. m. Leaves Los Angeles 8 p. m., arrives San Francisco 9:35 a. m.

Sunset Limited—Leaves San Francisco 5 p. m., arrives Los Angeles 7:45 a. m. Leaves Los Angeles 8 p. m., arrives San Francisco 10:30 a. m.

Daylight Limited—Leaves San Francisco 7:45 a. m., arrives Los Angeles 8:30 p. m. Leaves Los Angeles, 7:45 a. m., arrives San Francisco 8:30 p. m.

Ferry Building

Owl—Leaves San Francisco 6 p. m., arrives Los Angeles 8:50 a. m. Leaves Los Angeles 6 p. m., arrives San Francisco 8:50 a. m.

Padre (via Coast)—Leaves San Francisco 7:40 p. m., arrives Los Angeles 9:35 a. m. Leaves Los Angeles 7:45 p. m., arrives San Francisco 9:35 a. m.

Sacramento

Sacramentoan—Leaves Sacramento 4:10 p. m. arrives Los Angeles 7:55 a. m. Leaves Los Angeles 6:15 p. m., arrives Sacramento 9:55 a. m.

OPTIONAL MEDICAL DEFENSE

LETTER NO. 4

February 6, 1924.

To All Members of the California Medical Association:

Dear Doctor:

The Indemnity Defense Fund was terminated as of November 30, 1923, and Medical Defense terminates as of June 30, 1924.

For those desiring it, Optional Medical Defense has been provided by the Council, effective July 1, 1924. Under this plan those not desiring Medical Defense are relieved from any financial obligation for the same, and Medical Defense is provided for the many members that have stated they wanted it.

This Optional Medical Defense by the Society's legal staff will be conducted in conjunction with the member's insurance carrier. All indemnity, including court costs, will be borne by the insurance carrier. For example, a member having Optional Medical Defense will be defended not only by the attorneys of his insurance company, but also by the Society's attorneys acting with the insurance company's attorneys for him; the Society's attorneys as his counsel being particularly concerned with all features of the member's defense touching him professionally and personally. Such arrangement is entirely acceptable to the insurance companies writing physicians' defense. This defense will be of the same character as that heretofore maintained by the State Association, except that it will only be available to those who apply and pay for same.

Members interested in the eradication of unwarranted malpractice claims and cases, and in Medical Defense against the same, can do so by applying for membership in the Medical Society of the State of California. This body was organized by the Council in June, 1923, immediately after the name of the